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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN
(SECURITY PRECAUTIONS -
OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
RE TRANSPORTATION OF SUBJECT)

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Additional observations and recommendations to insure complete security and the safe transportation of JAMES EARL RAY from England to point of destination in the U.S. are set forth as follows:

(1) A check is being made through New Scotland Yard to determine what exit controls RAY will have to go through on departing England. If it is necessary for his Certificate of Identity to be stamped by a British Immigration official, this will probably be accomplished right at the prison.

(2) Concerning aircraft, if a chartered commercial craft is used and if the identity of the company from which chartered leaks to the press, this company could possibly be subjected to a series of anonymous bomb threats for transporting RAY.

(3) It is estimated that a non-stop flight from England to some destination near Memphis, Tennessee may take ten hours, depending upon headwinds. Considering time difference of six hours between London time and Tennessee time. If we left England at 12 Midnight, which is a most desirable time here, we would be estimated to arrive at destination about 4 A.M., which would appear to be a desirable time there. Suggest this be checked with proper military or airlines people as to any possible difficulties involved in these times. REC-116

(4) Suggest that SAs ZEISS and BOUNDS be given sufficient time at the Bureau to prepare a comprehensive check list of.

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things to be done here and at point of destination. This would be an all-encompassing list with the time each item is to be done, when done and the individual doing it.

(5) The restraining kit has arrived and is in Legat Office and if ZEISS and BOUNDS depart London June 19 next, they will leave two guns with Legat and bring two guns with them on return.

(6) It would appear that one of the most important decisions to be made would pertain to the attitude to be displayed to RAY by the escorting agents. In other words, should he be appropriately warned of all his rights and thereafter an attempt made to interview him? In answering this question it should be borne in mind that he will be under restraint, which will probably consist of handcuffs, leg irons and lead chains. If after appropriately warned of his rights he shows an inclination to engage in petty conversation of any type, should the escorting agents engage him in such conversation or should absolute silence be maintained by escorting agents with regard to RAY during the entire trip? If he is to be warned of his rights, etc., appropriate forms should be given to ZEISS and BOUNDS upon their return trip.

(7) Whether military or commercial craft is used, it is suggested that the door to the toilet facilities be removed and that all mirrors or glassware and sharp appurtenances be removed.

(8) Four flashlights with new batteries and bulbs should be furnished for emergency lighting use within the aircraft in the event the lighting equipment fails.

(9) Suggest consideration be given for arrangements to be made at final destination for RAY to be stripped, photographed and medically examined as proof that he was delivered to local authorities in good condition.

(10) It is contemplated that all property in his possession at the time of his apprehension will be turned over to this office by New Scotland Yard. It is contemplated this property will be taken aboard the aircraft and instead of being left at Memphis, escorting agents will take the property to Washington, D.C. for any further laboratory examinations desired.